

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 757**

A bill to make appropriations for the judiciary for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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PART 1

LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 101. There is appropriated for the judiciary for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025 from the following funds:

JUDICIARY

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

Full-time equated exempted positions	654.5
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GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 370,875,400
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Interdepartmental grant revenues:



1	Total interdepartmental grants and		
2	intradepartmental transfers		1,902,300
3	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	368,973,100
4	Federal revenues:		
5	Total federal revenues		7,132,600
6	Special revenue funds:		
7	Total private revenues		1,905,300
8	Total other state restricted revenues		95,887,300
9	State general fund/general purpose	\$	264,047,900
10	Sec. 102. SUPREME COURT		
11	Full-time equated exempted positions	318.0	
12	Community dispute resolution--FTEs	3.0	\$ 3,381,300
13	Foster care review board--FTEs	10.0	1,421,200
14	Jail reform advisory support--FTE	1.0	157,700
15	Judicial information systems--FTEs	103.0	20,706,000
16	Judicial institute--FTEs	17.0	2,865,600
17	Justice for all--FTEs	2.0	1,534,700
18	Next generation Michigan court system		4,116,000
19	Other federal grants		275,100
20	Problem-solving courts--FTEs	3.0	19,735,200
21	State court administrative office--FTEs	83.0	15,416,300
22	Supreme court administration--FTEs	96.0	16,548,600
23	Swift and sure sanctions program		3,350,000
24	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	89,507,700
25	Appropriated from:		
26	Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
27	IDG from department of corrections		52,300
28	IDG from department of state police		1,500,000



1	IDG from department of state police, Michigan	
2	justice training fund	100,000
3	Federal revenues:	
4	DOJ, drug court training and evaluation	300,000
5	DOT, National Highway Traffic Safety	
6	Administration	2,258,700
7	Federal funds	275,100
8	HHS, access and visitation grant	502,000
9	HHS, children's justice grant	254,000
10	HHS, court improvement project	987,700
11	HHS, safe access for victims economic security	
12	grant	420,000
13	HHS, state opioid response grant	352,200
14	HHS, title IV-D child support program	877,200
15	HHS, title IV-E foster care program	324,500
16	Special revenue funds:	
17	Interest on lawyers' trust accounts	406,800
18	Private	501,100
19	State justice institute	529,000
20	Community dispute resolution fund	2,417,200
21	Court of appeals filing/motion fees	1,450,000
22	Drug treatment court fund	1,920,500
23	Justice system fund	634,600
24	Law exam fees	786,000
25	Miscellaneous revenue	249,400
26	State court fund	417,900
27	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 71,991,500
28	Sec. 103. COURT OF APPEALS	



1	Full-time equated exempted positions	179.0		
2	Court of appeals operations--FTEs	179.0	\$	27,295,200
3	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	27,295,200
4	Appropriated from:			
5	State general fund/general purpose		\$	27,295,200
6	Sec. 104. BRANCHWIDE APPROPRIATIONS			
7	Full-time equated exempted positions	6.0		
8	Branchwide appropriations--FTEs	6.0	\$	10,915,800
9	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	10,915,800
10	Appropriated from:			
11	State general fund/general purpose		\$	10,915,800
12	Sec. 105. JUSTICES' AND JUDGES' COMPENSATION			
13	Judges' positions--587.0 justices and judges			
14	Supreme court justices' salaries--7.0 justices		\$	1,359,400
15	Circuit court judges' state base salaries--			
16	221.0 judges			29,838,800
17	Circuit court judicial salary standardization			
18	Court of appeals judges' salaries--25.0 judges			
19	District court judges' state base salaries--			
20	232.0 judges			31,290,400
21	District court judicial salary standardization			
22	Probate court judges' state base salaries--			
23	104.0 judges			13,893,100
24	Probate court judicial salary standardization			
25	Judges' retirement system defined contributions			
26	OASI, Social Security			
27	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	121,535,600
28	Appropriated from:			



1	Special revenue funds:		
2	Court fee fund		2,535,900
3	State general fund/general purpose	\$	118,999,700
4	Sec. 106. JUDICIAL AGENCIES		
5	Full-time equated exempted positions	14.0	
6	Judicial tenure commission--FTEs	14.0	\$ 2,907,800
7	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	2,907,800
8	Appropriated from:		
9	State general fund/general purpose	\$	2,907,800
10	Sec. 107. INDIGENT DEFENSE - CRIMINAL		
11	Full-time equated exempted positions	111.5	
12	Appellate public defender program--FTEs	93.0	\$ 15,931,900
13	Juvenile life resentencing--FTEs	18.5	2,894,200
14	Michigan appellate assigned counsel system		
15	roster attorney compensation grants		3,208,100
16	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	22,034,200
17	Appropriated from:		
18	IDG from department of state police		250,000
19	Federal revenues:		
20	Federal funds		581,200
21	Special revenue funds:		
22	Interest on lawyers' trust accounts		88,400
23	Michigan justice fund		380,000
24	Miscellaneous revenue		172,400
25	State general fund/general purpose	\$	20,562,200
26	Sec. 108. INDIGENT CIVIL LEGAL ASSISTANCE		
27	Indigent civil legal assistance	\$	7,937,000
28	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	7,937,000



1	Appropriated from:		
2	Special revenue funds:		
3	State court fund		7,937,000
4	State general fund/general purpose	\$	0
5	Sec. 109. TRIAL COURT OPERATIONS		
6	Full-time equated exempted positions	26.0	
7	Court equity fund reimbursements	\$	60,815,700
8	Drug case-flow program		250,000
9	Drunk driving case-flow program		3,300,000
10	Judicial technology improvement fund		4,815,000
11	Juror compensation reimbursement--FTE	1.0	6,613,600
12	Statewide e-file system--FTEs	25.0	11,947,800
13	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	87,742,100
14	Appropriated from:		
15	Special revenue funds:		
16	Court equity fund		50,440,000
17	Drug case information management fund		250,000
18	Drunk driving case-flow assistance fund		3,300,000
19	Judicial electronic filing fund		11,947,800
20	Judicial technology improvement fund		4,815,000
21	Juror compensation fund		6,613,600
22	State general fund/general purpose	\$	10,375,700
23	Sec. 110. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS		
24	Juvenile indigent defense		1,000,000
25	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	1,000,000
26	Appropriated from:		
27	State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,000,000

PART 2



PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

GENERAL SECTIONS

Sec. 201. In accordance with section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending under part 1 from state sources is \$359,935,500.00 and state spending under part 1 from state sources to be paid to local units of government is \$151,885,500.00. The following itemized statement identifies appropriations from which spending to local units of government will occur:

JUDICIARY

SUPREME COURT

Next generation Michigan court system	\$ 4,116,000
Problem-solving courts	15,785,200
State court administrative office	200,000
Swift and sure sanctions program	3,350,000

JUSTICES' AND JUDGES' COMPENSATION

Circuit court judicial salary standardization	\$ 10,105,400
District court judicial salary standardization	10,597,200
OASI, Social Security	1,392,600
Probate court judges' state base salaries	13,893,100
Probate court judicial salary standardization	4,703,900

TRIAL COURT OPERATIONS

Court equity fund reimbursements	\$ 60,815,700
Drug case-flow program	250,000
Drunk driving case-flow program	3,300,000
Judicial technology improvement fund	4,815,000
Juror compensation reimbursement	6,613,600



1	Statewide e-file system	11,947,800
2	TOTAL	\$ 151,885,500

3 Sec. 202. The appropriations under this part and part 1 are
4 subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101
5 to 18.1594.

6 Sec. 203. As used in this part and part 1:

7 (a) "DOJ" means the United States Department of Justice.

8 (b) "DOT" means the United States Department of
9 Transportation.

10 (c) "FTE" means full-time equated.

11 (d) "HHS" means the United States Department of Health and
12 Human Services.

13 (e) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.

14 (f) "OASI" means old age survivor's insurance.

15 (g) "Standard report recipients" means the senate and house
16 appropriations subcommittees on judiciary, the senate and house
17 fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and the state
18 budget office.

19 (h) "Title IV-D" means the part of the federal social security
20 act, 42 USC 301 to 1397mm, pertaining to the child support
21 enforcement program.

22 (i) "Title IV-E" means the part of the federal social security
23 act, 42 USC 301 to 1397mm, pertaining to the foster care program.

24 Sec. 204. The reporting requirements of this part must be
25 completed with the approval of, and at the direction of, the
26 supreme court, except as otherwise provided in this part. The
27 judicial branch shall use the internet to fulfill the reporting
28 requirements of this part. This requirement includes transmitting
29 reports to the standard report recipients and any other required



1 recipients by email and posting the reports on an internet site.

2 Sec. 205. To the extent permissible under section 261 of the
3 management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1261, all of the
4 following apply to the expenditure of funds appropriated in part 1:

5 (a) The funds must not be used for the purchase of foreign
6 goods or services, or both, if competitively priced and of
7 comparable quality American goods or services, or both, are
8 available.

9 (b) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,
10 manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses, if they are
11 competitively priced and of comparable quality.

12 (c) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,
13 that are manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses owned and
14 operated by veterans, if they are competitively priced and of
15 comparable quality.

16 Sec. 206. Consistent with section 217 of the management and
17 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1217, the state court
18 administrative office shall prepare a report on out-of-state travel
19 expenses not later than January 1. The report must list all travel
20 by judicial branch employees outside this state in the previous
21 fiscal year that was funded in whole or in part with funds
22 appropriated in the judicial branch's budget. The judicial branch
23 shall submit the report to the standard report recipients and to
24 the senate and house appropriations committees. The report must
25 include all of the following information:

26 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

27 (b) The total transportation and related expenses of each
28 travel occurrence and the proportions funded with state general
29 fund/general purpose revenues, state restricted revenues, federal



1 revenues, and other revenues.

2 Sec. 207. Not later than December 15, the state budget office
3 shall prepare and submit a report that provides estimates of the
4 total general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses at the
5 close of the previous fiscal year. The report must summarize the
6 projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation
7 lapses by major judicial program or program areas. The state court
8 administrative office shall submit the report to the standard
9 report recipients and to the chairpersons of the senate and house
10 appropriations committees.

11 Sec. 208. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the judicial
12 branch shall maintain a searchable website accessible by the public
13 at no cost that posts all of the expenditures made by the judicial
14 branch within a fiscal year. A post must include the purpose for
15 the expenditure. The judicial branch shall not provide financial
16 information on the public website that would violate a federal or
17 state law, rule, regulation, or guideline that establishes privacy
18 or security standards applicable to that financial information.

19 Sec. 209. Not later than 14 days after the release of the
20 executive budget recommendation, the judicial branch shall
21 cooperate with the state budget office to provide an annual report
22 on estimated state restricted fund balances, state restricted fund
23 projected revenues, and state restricted fund expenditures for the
24 previous 2 fiscal years. The report must be submitted to the
25 standard report recipients and to the chairpersons of the senate
26 and house appropriations committees.

27 Sec. 210. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
28 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.00 from
29 federal sources should federal revenue become available.



1 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
2 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.00 from state
3 restricted sources should state restricted revenue become
4 available.

5 (3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
6 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 from private
7 sources should private revenue become available.

8 Sec. 211. The judicial branch shall not take disciplinary
9 action against an employee of the judiciary for communicating with
10 a member of the legislature or legislative staff, unless the
11 communication is prohibited by law and the judicial branch is
12 exercising its authority as provided by law.

13 Sec. 212. The judicial branch shall receive and retain copies
14 of all reports funded from appropriations in part 1. The judicial
15 branch shall follow federal and state guidelines for short-term and
16 long-term retention of records. The judicial branch may
17 electronically retain copies of reports unless otherwise required
18 by federal and state guidelines.

19 Sec. 213. (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 to an entity in the
20 judicial branch must not be expended or transferred to another
21 account without written approval of the authorized agent of the
22 judicial entity. If the authorized agent of the judicial entity
23 notifies the state budget director of its approval of an
24 expenditure or transfer, the state budget director shall
25 immediately make the expenditure or transfer. The authorized
26 judicial entity agent shall be designated by the chief justice of
27 the supreme court.

28 (2) Funds appropriated to the judicial branch must not be
29 expended by a component in the judicial branch without the approval



1 of the supreme court.

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3 **JUDICIAL BRANCH**

4 Sec. 301. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for the
5 judicial branch, \$711,900.00 is allocated for circuit court
6 reimbursement under section 3 of 1978 PA 16, MCL 800.453, and for
7 costs associated with the court of claims.

8 Sec. 302. A member of the legislature may request a report or
9 data from the data collected in the judicial data warehouse. The
10 report must be made available to the public upon request, unless
11 disclosure is prohibited by court order or state or federal law. If
12 data is provided under this section, the data must be public and
13 nonidentifying information, as determined by the state court
14 administrative office. As used in this section, "nonidentifying
15 information" means information that does not include personal
16 information that, if released, would be considered invasion of
17 privacy.

18 Sec. 303. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for community
19 dispute resolution, community dispute resolution centers shall
20 provide dispute resolution services specified in the community
21 dispute resolution act, 1988 PA 260, MCL 691.1551 to 691.1564, help
22 reduce suspensions and truancy, and improve school environment. The
23 funds appropriated in part 1 for community dispute resolution may
24 be used to develop or expand juvenile diversion services in
25 coordination with local prosecutors.

26 Sec. 305. If funds in the court fee fund are insufficient to
27 pay judges' compensation, the difference between the appropriated
28 amount from that fund for judges' compensation and the actual
29 amount available after the amount appropriated for trial court



1 reimbursement is made is appropriated from the state general fund
2 for judges' compensation. If an appropriation from the state
3 general fund is necessary under this section, not later than 14
4 days after the appropriation, the state court administrative office
5 shall submit a report to the standard report recipients and the
6 senate and house standing committees on appropriations.

7 Sec. 306. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
8 problem-solving courts, the state court administrative office shall
9 provide grants to local trial courts for the following:

10 (a) Drug treatment courts under chapter 10A of the revised
11 judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.1060 to 600.1088.

12 (b) Mental health courts under chapter 10B of the revised
13 judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.1090 to 600.1099a.

14 (c) Juvenile mental health courts under chapter 10C of the
15 revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.1099b to
16 600.1099m.

17 (d) Veterans treatment courts under chapter 12 of the revised
18 judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.1200 to 600.1212.

19 (e) Family treatment courts under chapter 10D of the revised
20 judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.1099aa to 600.1099ll.

21 (2) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for problem-solving
22 courts, the chief justice shall allocate funding for the following:

23 (a) Sufficient funds for the Michigan judicial institute to
24 provide in-state training for problem-solving court program
25 personnel, including parole and probation agents, prosecuting
26 attorneys, defense attorneys, community corrections providers,
27 judges, and other court personnel.

28 (b) At least \$1,730,000.00 to mental health courts and
29 juvenile mental health courts to address the recommendations of the



1 mental health diversion council.

2 (c) \$1,500,000.00 in Byrne formula grant funding received
3 through an interdepartmental grant from the department of state
4 police to be used to support drug treatment court costs consistent
5 with Byrne grant program criteria.

6 (3) Not later than April 1, the state court administrative
7 office shall provide a report on drug treatment, mental health,
8 veterans court, and family treatment court programs in this state.
9 The report must include information on the number of each type of
10 program that has been established, the number of program
11 participants in each jurisdiction, the impact of the programs on
12 offender criminal involvement and recidivism, and an accounting of
13 prior year expenditures, including grant amounts requested by the
14 courts, grant amounts awarded to the courts, and grant amounts
15 expended by the courts.

16 Sec. 308. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the state
17 court administrative office shall administer a program to
18 distribute grants to qualifying courts in accordance with the
19 objectives and requirements of the probation swift and sure
20 sanctions act, chapter XIA of the code of criminal procedure, 1927
21 PA 175, MCL 771A.1 to 771A.8. Not more than \$150,000.00 of the
22 funds designated for the program is available to the state court
23 administrative office to pay for employee costs associated with the
24 administration of the program funds. Of the funds designated for
25 the program, \$500,000.00 is reserved for programs in counties that
26 had more than 325 individuals sentenced to prison in the previous
27 calendar year. Courts interested in participating in the swift and
28 sure sanctions program may apply to the state court administrative
29 office for a portion of the funds appropriated in part 1 under this



1 section.

2 (2) Not later than April 1, the state court administrative
3 office, in coordination with the department of corrections, shall
4 submit a report on the swift and sure sanctions program that
5 includes all of the following:

6 (a) The number of offenders who participate in the program.

7 (b) The criminal history of offenders who participate in the
8 program.

9 (c) The recidivism rate of offenders who participate in the
10 program, including the rate of return to jail, prison, or both.

11 (d) A detailed description of the establishment and parameters
12 of the program.

13 (e) A list of courts that participate in the program.

14 (f) An accounting of previous year expenditures, including,
15 but not limited to, grant amounts requested by the courts, grant
16 amounts awarded to the courts, and grant amounts expended by the
17 courts.

18 Sec. 310. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the judicial
19 branch shall support a statewide legal self-help internet website
20 and local nonprofit self-help centers that use the statewide
21 website to provide assistance to individuals who represent
22 themselves in civil legal proceedings. The state court
23 administrative office shall summarize the costs to maintain the
24 website, provide statistics on the number of individuals who visit
25 the website, and provide information on content usage, form
26 completion, and user feedback not later than March 1 for the
27 previous fiscal year.

28 Sec. 311. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the state
29 court administrative office shall submit a report on the statewide



1 judicial case management system not later than March 1. The report
2 must provide a status update on development and implementation of
3 the statewide judicial case management system and must include all
4 appropriation and expenditure data for the previous and current
5 fiscal years.

6 Sec. 312. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for judicial
7 information systems, allocations must be made as follows:

8 (a) Not more than \$6,500,000.00 to offset local user fee
9 revenue that was previously paid by trial courts that have already
10 transitioned to the new statewide judicial case management system.

11 (b) \$5,399,100.00 to support staff and other operating costs
12 as trial courts continue to transition to the new statewide
13 judicial case management system.

14 Sec. 313. (1) If Byrne formula grant funding is awarded to the
15 state appellate defender office in excess of the amount
16 appropriated in part 1, the state appellate defender office may
17 receive and expend not more than \$250,000.00 of Byrne formula grant
18 funds as an interdepartmental grant from the department of state
19 police.

20 (2) If the state appellate defender office receives federal
21 grant funding from the United States Department of Justice in
22 excess of the amount appropriated in part 1, the state appellate
23 defender office may receive and expend not more than \$300,000.00 in
24 federal grant funds.

25 Sec. 314. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for drug
26 treatment courts, the judiciary shall maintain a medication-
27 assisted treatment program to provide treatment for opioid-addicted
28 and alcohol-addicted individuals who are referred to and
29 voluntarily participate in the medication-assisted treatment



1 program.

2 (2) Not later than March 1, the judiciary shall report on the
3 medication-assisted treatment program. The report must include
4 itemized spending by court, the number of participants, and
5 statistics that indicate average program participation duration and
6 success rates.

7 Sec. 315. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the state
8 appellate defender office shall operate the program to ensure this
9 state's compliance with *Montgomery v Louisiana*, 577 US 190 (2016),
10 *People v Parks*, 510 Mich 225 (2022), *People v Stovall*, 510 Mich 301
11 (2022), and *People v Poole*, 510 Mich 851 (2022). The purpose of the
12 program is to ensure competent, resourced, and supervised counsel
13 in cases that involve resentencing individuals who are serving a
14 life sentence for an offense committed when the individuals were 18
15 years of age or younger.

16 (2) The state appellate defender office shall submit a report
17 not later than December 31 on the number of cases investigated and
18 prepared by the state appellate defender office under subsection
19 (1). The report must include a calculation of the hours spent and
20 the incremental costs associated with the investigation and robust
21 examination of each case.

22 Sec. 317. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for Michigan
23 appellate assigned counsel system roster attorney compensation
24 grants, the Michigan appellate assigned counsel system shall
25 administer and provide grants to counties to provide reimbursement
26 of approximately 1/2 of the compensation provided to public
27 defenders appointed as appellate defense counsel under the
28 appellate defender act, 1978 PA 620, MCL 780.711 to 780.719. A
29 county is eligible for a grant under this section if the



1 compensation paid to appointed appellate defense counsel in the
2 county is consistent with rates established under the Michigan
3 indigent defense commission act, 2013 PA 93, MCL 780.981 to
4 780.1003, under payment policies established by the Michigan
5 appellate assigned counsel system.

